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SUBJ: NATIONAL DAY EDITORIAL STRESSES UNITY AND STUDY

SUMMARY. PEKING'S NATIONAL DAY EDITORIAL IMPLIES THAT THE MILITANT PHASE OF THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAS CRESTED BUT DOES NOT CLAIM VICTORY AND SAYS THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE. UNITY IS BROADLY FEATURED AS THE MAIN CONCERN AT PRESENT, ALONG WITH PRODUCTION, AND THERE IS NO MENTION OF SPECIFIC TASKS SUCH AS CONVENING THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. END SUMMARY

1. UNITY, CITED A DOZEN TIMES, IS THE MAIN THEME OF PEKING'S OCTOBER 1 NATIONAL DAY EDITORIAL, JOINTLY CARRIED IN THE REGIME'S THREE LEADING ORGANS. IMPLYING THAT THE MILITANT PHASE OF THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAS CRESTED, THE EDITORIAL REMARKS THAT ORGANIZATION S WHICH HAVE COMPLETED " MASS INVESTIGATION"

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SHOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY AND CRITICIZE. BUT THE EDITORIAL SKIRTS

MAKING A SPECIFIC CLAIM TO VICTORY AND DECLARES THAT THE MOVEMENT MUST GO ON " FOR A LONG TIME". STUDY IS DESCRIBED AS THE KEY TO DEEPENING THE MOVEMENT. THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND ITS INSTITUTIONS ARE PASSED OVER WITHOUT THE DEFENSIVE TREATMENT GIVEN THE SUBJECT EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE ECONOMY, EMPHASIS ON PRODUCTION IS HIGHLIGHTED AND THE EDITORIAL SUBTLY CALLS FOR TURNING THE MASS ENTHUSIASM GENERATED BY THE MOVEMENT INTO ACCELERATED SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION. THE CALL IS BROADLY PUT, HOWEVER, AND ASIDE FROM STIPULATING THE FULFILLMENT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC PLANS, NO NEW ECONOMIC TARGETS OR THEMES ARE FLOATED AND THE MESSAGE IS TO GET PRODUCTION BACK ON THE TRACKS. UNSURPRISINGLY, THE MILITARY IS GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT AND CITED ONLY IN ITS DEFENSE ROLE.

3. SIMILARLY, THE EDITORIAL SETS FORTH NO NEW POLITICAL TASKS, OMITTING ANY MENTION OF PREPARATIONS TO HOLD THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. NO MENTION IS MADE OF LAST YEAR'S TENTH PARTY CONGRESS, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN RECENT MONTHS MAY HAVE MADE THE RESULTS OF THE CONGRESS A

CONTENTIOUS ISSUE. THIS INTERPREATION IS OFFSET, HOWEVER, BY THE GROUP APPEARANCE AT THE NATIONAL DAY BANQUET OF ALL BUT ONE OF THE FIVE PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN. CHOU LED THE TURNOUT WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE RECLUSIVE KANG SHENG AND THE LONG-ABSENT AND REPORTEDLY ILL YEH CHIEN-YING. ONLY VICE CHAIRMAN LI TEH-SHENG HAS YET TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND HE MAY TURN UP IN HIS SHENYANG BASE.

4. MENTION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IS MINIMAL. ASIDE FROM THE OFT-STATED RESOLVE TO LIBERATE TAIWAN, THE EDITORIAL ROUTINELY ASSERTS THAT THE SUPERPOWERS ARE GETTING WEAKER AND THE THIRD WORLD STRONGER. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE SOVIET THREAT THIS YEAR.

5. COMMENT. WHILE THE EDITORIAL MAY, OF COURSE, MASK THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS AND CONCEAL CONCRETE PLANS THE REGIME HAS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, ACHIEVING UNITY CONTINUES TO APPEAR TO BE PEKING'S FUNDAMENTAL PREOCCUPATION.  
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